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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 29, 2006, has been carefully considered. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments.

The present Amendment is intended to be a complete response thereto and to place the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-28, 31, 33-38, 40-43, and 45-49 are pending. Claims 3, 8, 29-30, 32, 39, 44, and 50-52 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 31 have been amended to include the limitations of Claims 3 and 32, respectively. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

THE AMENDED CLAIMS ARE IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE

In the November 29, 2006 Office Action Claims 3 and 32, *inter alia*, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As amended Claims 1 and 31 now include the limitations of Claims 3 and 32, respectively (there were no intervening claims) it is respectfully submitted that amended Claims 1 and 31 are in condition for allowance as well as the claims that depend therefrom.

PREVIOUSLY ALLOWED SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 40-43 and 45-49 were already in condition for allowance as indicated in the November 29, 2006 Office Action.

CONCLUSION

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

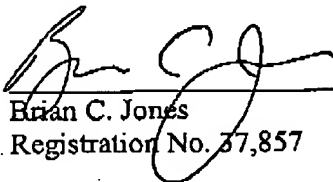
Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (114122-00135). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Any fees due are authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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